

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
Shigemichi HAMANO, *et al.*  
  
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FORMING CONTROL METHOD  
  
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**VIA EFS-WEB**  
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**AMENDMENT & REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**  
**WITH CLAIM FEE**

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated 30 May 2006, this application has been amended as indicated below. This reply is timely, but requires a claim fee for the extra 3 independent claims introduced herewith.

The present Amendment introduces 3 independent claims (beyond 3 allotted) that require a fee of \$600. The fee is addressed in the EFS-WEB generated fee transmittal. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees required to maintain pendency of this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-2056.